

get this done, we will develop wind, solar, geothermal, solar thermal, we will develop not only hybrids but plug-in hybrid cars. No one on this side has said no to that. We've been promoting alternatives over here.

In our Utah papers today was a little company in Utah called Raser Technologies that will have a truck, and they are talking about fleets of trucks that can get up to 140 miles per gallon. These would be plug-in trucks with up to 140 miles a gallon. Tesla Motors has developed a car that gets 120 miles per gallon. My Clear Act that we passed in the 2005 Energy bill provides for an accentuation of hybrid vehicles. It gives incentives to do that—not just hybrid vehicles but alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuel infrastructure. You have seen the ads, you have seen the Honda ad talking about a fuel-cell vehicle they have already developed. What does that mean? It is a hydrogen vehicle. Nuclear power is one of the ways we can produce a lot of hydrogen in this country. But we have stopped nuclear development for so long now that we do not have the hydrogen to be able to service those. We can put those vehicles out within the next 5 to 10 years, and Americans could be driving them. There is not one drop of pollution, not one ounce of pollution in all of those vehicles. But we cannot get the hydrogen because we do not have nuclear power and some of the other power we have to have. It is going take time to get us there. In the interim, meantime, we have to have oil.

The last time I heard, as I have said many times on this floor and otherwise, our cars, our trains, our planes, our ships, our trucks—they run on oil. Until we can get all of these other things going, we need to have oil. And we have it within our power to be able to have oil domestically so that we are not throwing \$700 billion away every year and funding some people who are our enemies.

That is what is amazing to me, that some are so locked up with these extremists that they cannot—they know it is true, but they cannot do anything to promote any oil development. There is something terribly sick about that in a body this important. Should not this body be brave enough to do its best in the interests of our country to create more energy and use less as we develop all of these other alternative forms?

They have even distorted T. Boone Pickens' words when he said we cannot drill ourselves out of this problem. He did not mean we should not be drilling; he said we need to do all of these things. That is his pitch. That is his energy program. He happens to be right. But until we get all of those other alternative forms going, and these alternative vehicles, we have to have oil, and we will continue to need oil. Without it, the people who are left the most poor, the people who are left without, the people who will struggle the most are the poor. I do not under-

stand why my colleagues cannot see that. I do not understand it because they claim to be for the poor. But these extremists take precedence over the poor.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 3001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 732, S. 3001, the DOD authorization, at a time determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, and that when the bill is considered, the only first-degree amendments in order be those that are germane to S. 3001, H.R. 5668, the House companion measure, and items within the jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee, and that the first-degree amendments be subject to second-degree amendments which are germane to the amendment to which it was offered; that upon the disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage, it then be in order for the Senate to consider, en bloc, the following calendar items: Nos. 733, 734, and 735; that all after the enacting clause of each bill be stricken and the following divisions of S. 3001, as passed by the Senate, be inserted as follows: Division A—S. 3002, Division B—S. 3003, Division C—S. 3004; that these bills be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; further, that the consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD; provided further, that the Senate then proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 758, H.R. 5658, the House companion; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 3001, as amended and passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof; the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the title amendment, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to; that upon passage of H.R. 5658, as amended, the Senate insist on its amendments, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing vote of the two houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with the above occurring with no further intervening action or debate; finally, that in order for a first-degree amendment to be considered in order to the bill, it must be filed at the desk, and comport to the requirements specified above, by 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2008; pro-

vided further that the bill would not be considered prior to the filing deadline of first-degree amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, although I may not personally have an objection to this, this consent would limit the rights of Senators to offer amendments to the Defense authorization bill. This is an agreement that would need to be cleared by all Senators on both sides. Given the detailed limitations of what can be offered to this bill, I will have to object on behalf of the Members on this side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. I would say to my friend, the only requirement was that the amendments be germane. There were unlimited amendments as long as they relate to what we are dealing with on our side.

Mr. HATCH. On behalf of our side, I have been asked to object. I apologize to my dear friend from Nevada.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. I understand the objection. The Senator from Utah is certainly not supposed to be totally aware of all that is in the Defense bill. But this agreement would allow scores of amendments because it would be anything that is germane. That is certainly nothing unusual. So I understand.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 18th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We have much to celebrate on this occasion. Signed into law 18 years ago, the ADA has fundamentally strengthened our Nation with its promise of equal rights and opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

We can see the ADA's transformative effects on society, with our public facilities, services, transportation, and telecommunications now accessible to millions who were excluded in the past. Even though the results are easy for most of us to take for granted, they can mean the difference between exclusion and full participation for a person with a disability. The ADA has ushered in a new era of opportunity in the workplace as well. After all, this legislation was intended to prohibit discriminatory job decisions in the same spirit of the other great civil rights laws of our country.